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Subject: Clarification of Site Eligibility in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)

To: STATE AGENCY DIRECTORS - Colorado ED, Iowa, Kansas, Montana OPI,
(Special Nutrition Programs) Nebraska ED, North Dakota, South Dakota,
Utah, Wyoming DHSS

Recently we have had a number of questions regarding the eligibility of camps in the SFSP. Because of this, we thought it best to issue a memorandum to clarify some of these questions.

For the purpose of this memorandum the term "camp" refers to both residential and non-residential (day) and the term "regular site" refers to any site that is not a camp or migrant site.

A regular site can only participate in the SFSP once the sponsor has established that the area from which the site is drawing its attendance is needy. This is usually done in either of two ways:

1. Sponsor documents that the site will be drawing attendance from an area where 50% of the children meet the free and reduced price guidelines under the School Lunch Program.
2. Sponsor uses applications to document that at least 50% of the enrolled children fall into the free and reduced price categories. This is considered an enrollment program.

Once the sponsor has established site eligibility based on this 50% requirement, they may claim reimbursement for all children's meals (needy and non-needy).

Camps can participate in the SFSP without having to meet the requirement that 50% of the children are needy. However, sponsors with camp sites will only be reimbursed for meals served to children with applications that fall into the free and reduced price categories. In other words, if a camp has only 10% of their children who meet the free and reduced price guidelines, the site can still participate in the SFSP, but the sponsor will only be able to claim reimbursement for the meals served to the 10%. Camps are not considered enrollment programs even though both use applications.

If a non-residential camp has applications which document that at least 50% of the children meet the free and reduced price guidelines, it may be to the sponsor's benefit to have the site participate as an enrollment site rather than as a day camp. By doing this the sponsor would then be able to claim reimbursement for all children rather than just the needy children. If a sponsor chooses to do this, the sponsor would of course be restricted to claiming a maximum of two meals per day rather than the maximum of four for camps.

We hope this provides clarification to some complex issues. As always if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call.

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